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SUBJECT: MALI'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

REF: (A) BAMAKO 4241 OF DEC 9, 1974; (B) STATE 083959

1. POST ATTEMPTING TO SECURE AN ADDITIONAL COPY OF MALI'S 1974-1978 DEVELOPMENT PLAN, BUT NOT CERTAIN IF IT CAN OBTAIN ONE. REF (A) ADVISED THAT PLAN WAS POUCHED TO WASHINGTON FOR AFR/DP/A/W. (FYI UNDP RES REP HAS BEEN TRYING FOR TWO MONTHS TO SECURE COPY FIVE-YEAR PLAN). UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES BELIEVE IT WOULD BE QUICKER IF AID/W WERE ASKED TO REPRODUCE THEIR COPY.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION OF PLAN'S ROLE IN COUNTRY'S ACTUAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE GOM SEES PLAN AS BEING OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE AND FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT. THE GOM IS CONSTANTLY TRYING TO RELATE ALL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TO THE PLAN. HOWEVER, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURAL SECTORS, LITTLE COHERENT AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING HAS TAKEN PLACE, AND THE PLAN IS HARDLY MORE THAN A LIST OF PROJECTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE FINANCED. GOM THEN APPROACHES DONORS ON BILATERAL BASIS TO ASCERTAIN INTEREST. DONORS DESPITE GOM DISAPPROVAL, HAVE IN THE PAST, AND WILL EVEN MORE IN THE FUTURE, ATTEMPT INFORMAL COORDINATION OF PROJECTS WITHIN SECTORS.

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3. IN THE EYES OF DONORS, THE MALI PLAN BECOMES

MORE A STATEMENT OF MALIAN PRIORITIES THAN A COHERENT,
ECONOMICALLY JUSTIFIABLE AND TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE
PLAN. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT DONORS WILL BE CALLED
UPON TO PROVIDE APPROXIMATELY 85 PERCENT OF FUNDS REQUIRED
IN THE PLAN, THE DONORS ARE PLACED IN A VERY STRONG
POSITION TO PICK AND CHOOSE THOSE PROJECTS IN LINE WITH
THEIR OWN PRIORITIES, THUS RENDERING THE MALIAN PLAN
SOMEWHAT IMPOTENT.
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